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patient from quarantine. Although we carried our microscope and everything needed in a clinical or post-mortem diagnosis of plague, we found no occasion for their use.

Upon request of Doctor O'Brien we held a consultation with him and the district attorney of Merced County regarding the disposition to be made of the case of leprosy, and the following measures were decided upon: First, to destroy the material with which he had been working (corn husks destined as covers for chicken tamales), as well as the hut he had been sleeping in for the past few years, and to reimburse him for the loss; second, to destroy the clothing which he now wore and to give him new ones in their stead; third, to erect a comfortable cabin in some isolated place and require him to live there as a county charge.

From the various points that we raised during our conference, I was impressed with the need of a State or national institution where such cases could be cared for. Not only is the expense of maintenance of a single case proportionately large, but the inconvenience of carrying food to his isolated position, the responsibility for his escape, and the popular dread that a case of this disease inspires in the community combine to make it no small burden to a county.

Upon completing this duty I rejoined my station, reaching San Francisco at 7 p. m. the same day.

Diphtheria at Lubec, Me.—Epidemic under control.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Small, at Eastport, Me., reports, November 17, as follows:

The epidemic of diphtheria at Lubec is under control. The schools have reopened, and the town is rapidly recovering its normal condition.

INSPECTION SERVICE MEXICAN BORDER.

Inspection at Eagle Pass, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hume reports as follows:

	Week ended Nov. 12.
Persons inspected on trains	231
Persons held	0
Pullman cars fumigated	7

Bags of Pullman linen disinfected, 20.

Inspected on footbridge, 4,077 persons.

Inspection at El Paso, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Alexander reports as follows:

Week ended November 12, 1904: Mexican Central passengers inspected, 164; Mexican Central immigrants inspected, 47; immigrants inspected (International Bridge), 124; disinfection of soiled linen imported for laundry work, 329 pieces; children of immigrants vaccinated, 10.

Inspection at Laredo, Tex.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hamilton reports, through Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick, as follows:

Week ended November 12, 1904: Passenger trains from Mexico inspected, 13; persons on trains inspected, 460; immigrants inspected on trains, 27; immigrants vaccinated upon entry, 4; Pullman coaches disinfected, 14.

Inspection at Nogales, Ariz.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gustetter reports as follows: Week ended November 12, 1904: Passengers inspected, 166; immigrants inspected, 43; immigrants deported, 10.

Statistical Reports of States and Cities of the United States, Yearly and Monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Fresno*.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 18,000. Total number of deaths 19, including enteric fever 1, and 1 from tuberculosis.

Oakland.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 83,000. Total number of deaths 82, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 1, whooping cough 2, and 9 from tuberculosis.

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Two weeks ended November 15, 1904. Estimated population, 175,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Five deaths from diphtheria, 1 death from enteric fever, 1 death from whooping cough, and 16 deaths from tuberculosis reported.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of October, 1904, from 165 towns, having an aggregate estimated population of 967,909, show a total of 1,152 deaths, including diphtheria 20, enteric fever 23, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 2, and 92 from tuberculosis.

Hartford.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 89,000. Total number of deaths 104, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 1, and 12 from tuberculosis.

INDIANA—*Evansville*.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 70,000. Total number of deaths 62, including diphtheria 2, enteric fever 3, smallpox 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

MARYLAND—*Baltimore*.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population, 541,000—white, 457,000; colored, 84,000. Total number of deaths, 780—white, 587; colored, 193—including diphtheria 15, enteric fever 25, scarlet fever 6, and 110 from tuberculosis.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Brockton*.—Month of October, 1904. Estimated population 46,601. Total number of deaths, 40, including enteric fever 1, scarlet fever 1, and 7 from phthisis pulmonalis.

MICHIGAN.—Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended November 12, 1904, from 72 observers indicate that small-